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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO
NON-NATO COUNTRIES

1. SYG HAS ISSUED PO/74/124 WHICH IS QUOTED:

REFERENCE: C-M(71)26

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF C-M(71)26,
"RELEASE OF NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OUTSIDE NATO WITH
EXCLUSIVE REFERENCE TO RELEASES TO NON-NATO ORGANIZATIONS
COMPOSED WHOLLY OF NON-NATO COUNTRIES AND TO NON-NATO COUNTRIES",
THE NATO MULTI-ROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMMA) HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO BE ALLOWED
TO RELEASE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT:

(A) ELEVEN NATO SECRET PHOTOGRAPHIC SLIDES
(CLASSIFICATION CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW) RELATING IN BROAD
IN BROAD TERMS TO THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MRCA
AIRCRAFT IN VARIOUS ROLES.

(B) NATO CONFIDENTIAL BOOKLET "RB 199
REHEATED TURBOFAN". REFERENCE TU 134

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(C) NATO CONFIDENTIAL BOOKLET "RB 199".

REFERENCE TU 154

THESE BOOKLETS CONTAIN DESIGN AND CHARACTERISTICS OF
THE RB 199 ENGINE INSTALLED IN THE MRCA AIRCRAFT.

(D) NATO CONFIDENTIAL BOOKLET "RB 199 REHEATED TURBOFAN. PROGRESS REPORT BY TURBO-UNION".
REFERENCE TU 166/2. A PROGRESS REPORT UP TO
AUGUST 1974 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGINE.

2. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) WAS COMPILED BY
PANAVIA THE MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR THE MRCA PROGRAMME AND THAT IN
PARAGRAPHS 1(B), (C) AND (D) BY TURBO-UNION LTD., THE MAIN
CONTRACTOR FOR THE RB 199 ENGINE, BASED ON INFORMATION
GENERATED BY THE THREE PARTICIPATING NATIONS: THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

3. IN SUBMITTING THIS REQUEST, WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT
OF THE THREE PARTICIPATING NATIONS, NAMMA STATES:
"IT IS CONSIDERED AN ADVANTAGE TO THE THREE NATO
COUNTRIES DEVELOPING THE MRCA THAT OTHER COUNTRIES
FRIENDLY TO NATO MAY ALSO OPERATE THE MRCA SINCE A
HIGHER TOTAL PRODUCTION NUMBER WILL REDUCE THE UNIT
PRICE AND MAY FACILITATE OVERALL LOGISTIC SUPPORT.
THIS, IN TURN, WILL BRING BENEFITS TO THE DEFENCE
BUDGETS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES WHERE APPROPRIATE
CREDITS COULD BE USED FOR OTHER NATO DEFENCE
PURPOSES THUS BENEFITTING THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE".

4. IN THIS CASE, AS IN THAT OF THE RELEASE OF SIMILAR
INFORMATION TO AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN - VIDE PO/74/15 DATED
13TH FEBRUARY, 1974 - I REGARD THE EXPORT SALES POLICY GROUP,
ESTABLISHED BY THE NAMMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO BE "THE APPROPRIATE
NATO COMMITTEE" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANNEX TO C-M(71)26.
FURTHERMORE, I CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE MORE LOGICAL FOR THE
EXPORT SALES POLICY GROUP, RATHER THAN THE DIVISION OF POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, TO MAKE THE RELEASE AFTER THE SPONSORING NATION - THE
UNITED KINGDOM - HAS OBTAINED THE NECESSARY WRITTEN UNDERTAKING
AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE ANNEX TO C-M(71)26.

5. IF NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS TO THE PROPOSED
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RELEASE AND TO THE METHOD THEREOF ARE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF
BUSINESS ON 18TH OCTOBER, 1974, COUNCIL'S APPROVAL WILL BE
ASSUMED. UNQUOTE.

2. GIVEN THE FACT THAT SIMILAR INFORMATION HAD EARLIER BEEN
RELEASED TO AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN, USNATO SEES NO BASIS FOR
OBJECTION. WE PLAN ON SILENT AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT
COMMENTS.
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